

AUGUST 2008

MARINA READER

LONG BEACH PARKS, RECREATION

& MARINE

LBDP - Marine Patrol



A boat owner recently noticed a person he didn't recognize walking on a gangway in the Alamitos Bay Marina. Moments later the boater saw this person walking off the gangway and pushing a dock cart filled with fishing gear; he immediately reported the suspicious activity to the Long Beach Police Communications Center at (562) 435-6711.

When the dispatcher gathered the information it was broadcast over the police radio, both Marine Patrol and East Division Black & Whites responded to the area. Marine Patrol Sergeants DeLeon & Johnson were the first to arrive. They located the subject in the parking lot and initiated an investigation. The boater who had called in the activity was able to place the subject towards the end of a particular gangway. A boat near there appeared to have had the cabin door forced in, and the owner was contacted and asked to respond to the scene. When the boat owner arrived he was able to confirm that his boat had been burglarized, and his loss of \$5,000 worth of rods & reels, were what the officers had recovered in the parking lot. The suspect, on parole for receiving stolen property, was subsequently charged for burglary and due to his prior criminal history was sentenced to three years in state prison. Because a concerned boat owner chose to get involved, a boat burglar was apprehended and the entire loss was returned to the victim!

**Remember - keep your contact and emergency contact information current in the marina office files!*

GREEN & CLEAN BOATING

Learn how you can protect the environment and save money as the Coast Guard Auxiliary and U.S. Power Squadrons units present a "Green and Clean Boating" seminar at Shoreline Yacht Club on Saturday, August 16, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

This free educational program, moderated by KNX 1070 Newsradio's Ron Kilgore, focuses on a variety of Clean and Green boating topics such as: Vessel Cleaning and Maintenance, Boat Sewage, Oil and Fuel Spills, Hazardous Wastes, Trash and Marine Debris, Gray Water, Aquatic Nuisance Species, and Less Toxic Cleaning.

Marine Debris poses one of the most pervasive pollution risks facing our oceans and waterfronts today. It is a little known fact that one gallon of

used oil dumped in a million gallons of water will kill half of all exposed Dungeness crab larva and will pollute more than 250,000 gallons of water.

Shoreline Yacht Club is located at 386 Shoreline Drive South, Long Beach, CA 90802. Light refreshments will be provided.

To reserve a seat for this important event please contact Stacey at 562-435-4093, or email Shoreline Yacht Club at syclb@hotmail.com

For additional information, contact Marion Seaman, (310) 632-4748 or email MarionSeaman1@aol.com

Seating is limited so be sure to reserve early!

FROM THE MANAGER



From the Manager

Mark Sandoval, Manager of Marinas and Beaches
(By guest writer Brad Whyte)

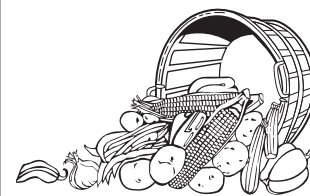
My name is Brad Whyte, and I am the current Chairman of the City's Marine Advisory Commission (MAC). The MAC is a Mayor/Council-appointed commission that provides advice and recommendations to the City regarding all waterfront (non-Port related) operations.

I have asked Mark to allow me to utilize his by-line space this month for two reasons. The first is to underscore the support the MAC has for the proposed new pricing policy, which he detailed in this newsletter over the last few months. The former policy was a market-driven policy, and had no stated relationship to the cost of

MARINE STADIUM FARMER'S MARKET

Wednesday's from
2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Plants, Artwork,
Fruit and Veggies,
Tasty BBQ and
more.



TIDE CHART FOR AUGUST 2008

	LOW TIDE				HIGH TIDE			
	AM	Ht.	PM	Ht.	AM	Ht.	PM	Ht.
1. Fr	4:12	-1.4	3:41	1.6	10:38	4.6	9:50	6.9
2. Sa	4:49	-1.1	4:29	1.5	11:12	4.8	10:34	6.5
3. Su	5:23	-0.7	5:17	1.4	11:47	4.9	11:17	5.8
4. Mo	5:55	-0.1	6:08	1.5	--	--	12:21	5.0
5. Tu	6:26	0.5	7:05	1.6	12:01	5.0	12:57	5.0
6. We	6:54	1.2	8:13	1.7	12:49	4.2	1:34	5.0
7. Th	7:19	1.9	9:42	1.6	1:49	3.5	2:17	4.9
8. Fr	7:40	2.4	11:25	1.4	3:31	2.9	3:11	4.8
9. Sa	--	--	--	--	--	--	4:20	4.8
10. Su	12:42	1.0	--	--	--	--	5:31	4.9
11. Mo	1:31	0.6	12:08	3.2	8:49	3.5	6:29	5.2
12. Tu	2:09	0.2	1:04	3.0	9:04	3.7	7:15	5.5
13. We	2:40	-0.1	1:44	2.7	9:21	3.8	7:53	5.8
14. Th	3:08	-0.3	2:19	2.4	9:39	4.0	8:28	6.1
15. Fr	3:34	-0.4	2:53	2.1	9:58	4.2	9:01	6.2
16. Sa	4:00	-0.5	3:28	1.8	10:19	4.4	9:35	6.1
17. Su	4:25	-0.4	4:06	1.6	10:43	4.7	10:10	5.9
18. Mo	4:50	-0.1	4:47	1.4	11:08	4.9	10:47	5.5
19. Tu	5:16	0.3	5:32	1.3	11:35	5.1	11:29	4.9
20. We	5:42	0.7	6:25	1.2	--	--	12:06	5.3
21. Th	6:08	1.3	7:31	1.2	12:18	4.2	12:42	5.5
22. Fr	6:37	1.9	8:59	1.1	1:23	3.5	1:28	5.5
23. Sa	7:11	2.4	10:42	0.8	3:12	2.9	2:30	5.5
24. Su	8:19	2.9	--	--	6:07	3.0	3:52	5.6
25. Mo	12:07	0.2	10:37	3.1	7:26	3.4	5:16	5.8
26. Tu	1:07	-0.3	12:11	2.8	8:02	3.8	6:26	6.2
27. We	1:53	-0.7	1:15	2.4	8:33	4.2	7:23	6.5
28. Th	2:33	-0.9	2:06	1.8	9:02	4.5	8:13	6.6
29. Fr	3:09	-0.9	2:51	1.4	9:31	4.9	8:57	6.6
30. Sa	3:42	-0.7	3:35	1.1	9:59	5.1	9:39	6.3
31. Su	4:12	-0.3	4:17	0.9	10:27	5.4	10:20	5.8

PHONE NUMBERS TO KEEP ON HAND

Long Beach Police
Marine Patrol Emergency
911 or 9911 (Dock Phone)

Non Emergency
(562) 435-6711

Maintenance during
working hours
(562) 570-1582

Alamitos Bay Office
(562) 570-3215

Shoreline Office
(562) 570-4950

Rainbow Harbor
(562) 570-8636

After office hours
(562) 570-3101

(From the Manager continued...)

operating the marinas. In addition, there were some inherent inequities in the old slip fee structure, whereby the smaller the slip was, the more costly the slip was in relation to actual marina space (water space) used. As a result, a sub-committee of MAC developed the new pricing policy, and the Commission recommended it to the City. This pricing policy recovers the costs of operating a marina (without regard to market) and is based on a square-foot calculation, where each slip is standardized and is charged based on the square feet of space used, **at the same square-foot rate**. The commissioners believe that this will bring equity to the pricing structure, and will eliminate all of the pricing differences and subjective measurements that were so frustrating to many marina customers and to MAC.

The second issue I wanted to address was the misrepresentation that I was seeing and hearing in some letters-to-the-editor, e-mails, City Council speakers and on-dock lobbying efforts. The basis for this opposition effort is that the Marine Bureau is contending that “the pricing system has been inequitable to small boat owners for years, now it is time to turn the inequity to the large boat owners.” This could not be further from the truth, and I believe the individual(s) making those statements knows better. As I indicated above, using the **same rate per square foot** is the only truly equitable pricing system.

I will agree that the large boat owners are getting a larger increase under the new system, but that is because an 80-foot slip and a 90-foot slip have always paid the same lineal rate as a 50-foot slip, which is inequitable given the marina space needed for vessels that size. In 2003, the City started addressing the pricing structure, and increased the rate differential between small slip rates and larger slip rates. For instance, the 20-foot rate went from \$8.26 per foot to \$8.25 per foot, and the 50-foot rate went from \$9.63 per foot to \$12.00 per foot. It did not, however, increase the 80-foot and 90-foot rate above the 50-foot rate, which in hindsight should have been done.

I asked the Marine Bureau to provide me with some figures - I asked how much more an 80-foot slip would have been charged since 2003 had the slip fee relationship between the 50-foot rate and 80-foot rate stayed the same as the slip fee relationship between the 20-foot slip and 50-foot slip. In other words, in 2003 the 50-foot rate (\$12.00) was 45% higher than the 20-foot rate (\$8.25). If the 80-foot rate had increased to 45% higher than the 50-foot rate (the same relationship as the relationship between the 20-foot and 50-foot), the 80-foot rate would have increased to \$17.40 per foot. It stayed at \$12.00 per foot, however, and has stayed the same as the 50-foot rate until now.

The result of this exercise was mind-boggling. Had the pricing relationship between the 20-foot, 50-foot and 80-foot been the same since 2003, the 80-foot boat owner would have paid \$34,712 more than they have since 2003, or an average of over \$5,700 per year. Using the same calculation, the 90-foot boat owner would have paid \$52,067 more than they have since 2003, or an average of over \$8,600 per year. Therefore, while I understand that the large slip boat owners are feeling a significant increase for 2009, the reality is that they have saved thousands of dollars at the expense of the smaller boat owners for many years.

Brad Whyte
Chairman, Marine Advisory Commission